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The Blank Notebook of Yıldırım Akbulut

Two or three years ago Turkey had a Prime Minister named Yıldırım Akbulut. Many Turks considered him unqualified for the high position which he held, and as a result, many funny stories were told about him. I shall now tell you two of these stories.

While Yıldırım Akbulut was still a boy, his father gave him some advice. He said, "Son, watch very carefully what your teacher does, and then do the same as he has done."

A few days after Yıldırım Akbulut had started elementary school, his father looked in the boy's notebook to see what was written there. He was surprised to discover that there were no words or even a mark of any kind in the notebook. The father therefore decided to accompany his son to school on the following day and observe what happened there.

The next day the father went to school with his son and sat beside him in the classroom during the first

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period. He saw the teacher write some things upon the blackboard, and he saw that his son immediately copied these things in his notebook. At the end of the period, the teacher erased everything from the blackboard. Imitating his teacher exactly, Yıldırım Akbulut then erased everything that he had written in his notebook.